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Amendment to the Specification

Please amend page 7 by adding the following text following line 15:

FIGs. 8 and 9 illustrate further operations of the existing medium processing device; and

FIG. 10 illustrates a non-rotatable feed assistance member in accordance with
embodiments.

Please replace the paragraph on page 8, line 21 to page 9, line 4 with the following
amended paragraph:

Accordingly, the feed assistance member of the present invention can be realized by various members if such members have the characteristics that: can prevent the local shearing force and tension from being generated on the medium; can prevent the medium from being damaged; can prevent the desired feed of the medium from being obstructed; and, cause the follower roller to easily ride on the medium. For example, the feed assistance member can be a non-rotatable member of a hemispherical shape (FIG. 10) having a low surface friction rather than roller.